Steps taken for exchange of India-Bangladesh Enclaves

2756. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken for the exchange of India and Bangladesh enclaves as provided for in Indira-Mujib Agreement of 1974 and Tin Bigha Agreement of July, 1993;

(b) if so, what has been the progress in the matter;

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government have any reports regarding inhabitants of Indian enclaves; and

(e) if so, what is the content of the reports and whether any remedial action have been initiated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) to (c) Efforts have been underway to secure a full implementation of the Indo Bangladesh and Boundary Agreement 1974, including the exchange of enclaves.

(d) and (e) According to the provisions of the 1974 Agreement, the exchangeable enclaves of India are to be absorbed into Bangladesh and of Bangladesh into India, without any claim of compensation. Considering that India does not exercise control over and access to the said enclaves in Bangladesh and vice versa. Government is in no position to have reports regarding the situation in these enclaves. Facilities would be provided to the inhabitants of these enclaves. Facilties would be provided to the inhabitants of these enclaves by the Bangladesh Administration in the long term.

Representation from Indian Medical, Dental and Engineering students of erstwhile USSR

2757. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there have been many representations to out Embassy at Moscow from Medical, Dental and Engineering students, pursuing their studies in the erstwhile U.S.S.R.;

(b) if so, what are the details;

(c) how do Government propose to sort out them; and

(d) what action has been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) and (b) The Embassy of India in Moscow from time to time receives requests from Indian students studying in the Russian Federation and in CIS countries for facilitating their education in Russia.

(c) and (d) When warranted, the Embassy intercedes on behalf of the students concerned with the relevant educational institutions in the Russian Federation, as well as the Russian State Committee on Higher Education.

भारत में पाकिस्तान के अस्थायी वीसा कार्यालय

2758. **श्री अजीत जोगी:**
चौधरी हरि सिंह:

क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या देश में पाकिस्तान के अस्थायी वीसा कार्यालय कार्य कर रहे हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने वीसा हाऊस के संबंध में पाकिस्तान के अनुरोध पर कोई निर्णय ले लिया है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है?

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